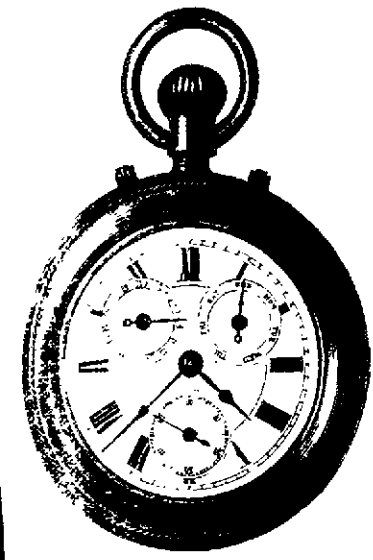


ware, sold at very low prices. He said he examined his stock, designs and prices before purchasing elsewhere. He will not be in business here.

Shop in the old Masonic building, northwest corner of Park Decatur Bl. and N. H. St.

GREAT SALE OF WATCHES!

We are Still Offering Watches at the Low Prices of December and January.



In order to take advantage of all the discounts given Jobbers, we made contracts for great numbers of all the makes of American Watches, to be delivered during December, January and February. We have been making a

SPECIAL SALE

of these goods for two months, and will continue during this month. We do this in order to enable us to handle these large quantities of Watches, and thereby get the discounts only to be had by those who can handle enough Watches to RANK AS A JOBBER.



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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1892.
LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

BABY CARRIAGES, in beautiful styles, just opened up, at E. D. RATHBONE & CO'S.

ANOTHER dose of rain to-day.

ONE of the new grocery stores on Merchant street has a blazing red front.

YOUNG men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

AN entire new stock of Hats just received at B. STINE'S.

THE Lenten rules issued by Bishop Baltes, of Alton will be found on the fourth page of this issue.

SEE the funny Vokes family at the opera house on Friday night.

SMOKE Schroeder's Bohemian cigars, only a nickel each.

THE Presbyterian folks are seriously considering the matter of building a new house of worship. We second the motion.

SEE the prizes to be given away Thursday in the windows at J. R. Race & Co's clothing store.

NEW YORK Saddle Rock Oysters: also Shell Oysters and Clams. All are nice and fine—at MILLER'S LUNCH ROOM.

37-41w

ALL first-class dealers sell Schroeder's famous Bohemian cigars. Ask for them.

LAST evening Frank Dennis was arrested and fined \$3 and costs. His arrest was made on complaint of Mrs. Dennis.

REV. TAYLOR, of Danville, will deliver a sermon at St. John's Church this evening.

THE singing class under the direction of S. M. Lutz will not meet on Friday night this week, but will meet next week as usual.

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ORDERS for DECATUR NUT COAL screened, promptly filled by R. McCallum, Telephone at Cole Bros' drug store.

Jan 13-11T

THE regular semi-monthly meeting of the Decatur Land League will be held at Hibernian Hall on next Thursday evening, and new officers will then be elected for the ensuing year.

BERLIN will be rather expensive next season. The price for hickory per thousand ranges from \$11.50 to \$13.00.

STOP at L. L. PERRIS & CO and take a look at their mammoth stock of boots and shoes.

You will do well to see to it soon that your tires are paid, or you will have extra expense to pay if you neglect this important duty.

6-12-11w

GOOD! Well, we shouldn't wonder. That cake from the Lion Hart tin wedding that found its way into the Republican's composing room.

JUST received a few new styles of spring hats and bonnets for ladies and children, at Mrs. Einstein's, No. 28 East Main street.

23-11w

THE ladies of Danville, Ill., held a reception in honor of Martha Washington on the 22d. They held it in one of the churches of the place, and dressed themselves in colonial costumes. Two children personated the venerable Father of his Country and his spouse, and the fun was immense. The youthful Washingtons were introduced to Gov. Oglesby, who gave them his blessing.

If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Sold by Hubbard & Swearingen.

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THE attraction at the opera house to-morrow night will be the appearance of Mr. J. W. RANSON, the noted specialty actor of Chicago, who will appear in "Across the Atlantic" supported by a strong stock company. The plot of the play is a good one, and the scene changes from America to Europe. Horace Durand is in love with Emma Livingston, the daughter of a banker. He is falsely accused of forgery by the villain, Count St. Armand, who is an adventurer in search of wealth. The family of Livingston cross the ocean, with Durand, unknown to them, enlisted in their employ as a servant. The villain, St. Armand, and his confederate, Black, accompany them, extorting money from the imbecile banker. Durand appears at various times to spoil their plans, and finally brings them to justice, and wins the maiden of his choice. Popular prices.

STINE HATS, B. HATS, B. STINE'S Hats, Boss Hats, Clothing's Boss B. STINE'S Hats.

6-12-11w

THE drummers are in town with their layouts of nobly spring hats for the ladies, and dealers are looking over the stock which is almost daily displayed at the hotels. The blue birds are singing, and the grass is turning green.

EXTRA bargains in farm lands offered by A. C. Stevens, over Abel & Locke's store, No. 24 East Main Street.

Feb-12w

HATS in all shapes, to suit all heads, to look well, wear well, and suit your pocket, just in at STINE'S.

6-12-11w

DRESS Silks of the latest importations just received by Linn & Scruggs.

Feb-17-dwT

PERFECT Fit and satisfaction guaranteed by Fleury, the French Cutter, corner of Old Square. Prices lower than the lowest.

Feb-23-dwT

SELEND lot of Hats just received at Decatur's One-Price Clothing House, Cor. Main St. and Old Square. Feb-24-dwT

EX-ASSISTANT Postmaster, CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 2, 1892.

H. H. WARNER & CO. SONS of J. have under their Safe Kidney and Liver Cure for chronic dysentery, contracted while in the army, with the most happy results.

27-4w1w

Notice.

A handsome assortment of Ladies' Fancy Collars, Ties, Bows, fashionable Neckwear and Opera Kid Gloves, cheap, at the

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.

Feb. 21—4d1w

PEOPLE are made happy by buying their clothing of

Wanted.

A good, competent girl as cook for a private family. Enquire at corner of West Main and Edward streets.

27—11w

Mrs. Wm. RACE.

The real estate firm of Warren & Durfee are looking ahead. They are having the hill on the north side of Priest street, and east of the foot of Franklin street, graded to the level of the road bed, of the Illinois Central railroad. There are about 2 1/2 acres of ground in that corner which would make a good site for a manufacturing establishment which may be erected there by Warren & Durfee or other capitalists in the near future. A portion of the ground can be used for switching purposes. The firm named also own the tanyard ground south of Priest street. It embraces nearly six acres.

If the parties can raise the necessary amount of cash, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuglemon and the two soiled doves, all of whom occupied the small frame dwelling on East Main street, which was proven in Justice Corley's court as having been used as a bawdy house, their attorneys will endeavor to secure their release by means of a writ of habeas corpus. Each of the four prisoners has been fined \$25 and costs, and as they claim to be penniless, they will be compelled to lie in the calaboose and sweat it out, unless some circuit judge can be induced to release them. Attorneys Lee and Hutchison are the prisoners' counsel.

The first concert of the Decatur Philharmonic Society will be given in the opera house on Tuesday evening, March 7th, under the direction of Prof. S. M. Lutz. The public may expect the strongest choruses and most classical music ever presented by home talent. This will be a rare treat to the music-loving public. Admission, 50 cents; gallery, 35 cts. Reserved seats 25 cents extra. 28-11T

OSCAR WILDE, the great and only original 2-2, is coming to Decatur. Manager Haines informs us that the noted aesthetic has agreed, through his manager, to appear at the opera house, in this city, on the evening of March 8th, when he will deliver his noted lecture about the beauties of art and kindred topics.

ON to-morrow evening the golden wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Mosser will be celebrated at their home in Salem, Ill. Mr. J. R. Mosser departed for Salem this morning by way of St. Louis. He will arrive at his father's home to-morrow forenoon.

THE J. R. Race & Co. grand gift distribution of prizes will take place at the tabernacle on Thursday afternoon as advertised, commencing at 1 p. m. See list of prizes on the first page of this issue. How many tickets have you?

News was received in Decatur this morning of the death of the father of Miss Mary French, of the high school faculty, which occurred at Griggsville, Ill., last night.

Land Sale.

On Monday afternoon Master in Chancery Brown sold 20 acres of timber land, two miles northwest of this city, to B. B. Tuttle, at \$60 per acre; also, a slightly improved farm of 80 acres, in Morris township, to David Brett, at \$41 per acre; and a 20 acre tract of farm, in Hickory township, with a house and lot on it, to Rufus Crossman, at \$61 per acre. It was a master sale in partition, the total footing up \$5,800; average price per acre, \$48.88.

County Matters.

A business meeting of the building committee of the Board of Supervisors was held on Monday afternoon, and plans for the new building to be erected on the poor farm were presented by Mr. Allison and Mr. L. Baldwin. The committee will meet again on Monday next, when no doubt some decided action will be taken with reference to this important county improvement.

In the office of Treasurer Wood, on Monday afternoon, was held a meeting of a committee to revise and arrange the premium list for the next fair and exposition to be given under the auspices of the Macon County Agricultural Board. Larger premiums will be offered next fall. President Willard presided. The committee adjourned at 3:30 p. m. to meet again upon call of the president.

Gone to Dakota.

The town of Lake City, on the Illinois Midland Railway, is being depopulated. Three or four families have left the place and are now on their way to Ordway, Dakota, where they will grow up with the country. Among those who passed through the city last night en route for Dakota were Dr. C. P. Smith and family.

A Farewell Salute.

Prof. Selwin Richardson, who will locate temporarily in Taylorville in a few days, was given a farewell roller skate reception at the tabernacle last evening which was largely attended by the many friends of the gentleman. The coming of Mr. Richardson to Decatur has been a source of great fun to the young portion of our population, who have congregated at the tab day after day and night after night to indulge in the exhilarating exercise of skating on rollers to the music of the Decatur Band. There is general regret that the Professor has decided to leave us, and his return soon will be gladly welcomed.

The Bohemians.

The celebrated Bohemian Glass Blowers have anchored in the Carter building on the west side of the old square. They will be here all week. Go and see the wonderful operations of the Bohemians this evening. Said the Springfield Post of last evening.

"They came, they saw, they conquered, so say the Bohemian Glass Blowers, who have been interesting the curious of this city for the past two weeks at Bressner's old corner. They left to-day for Decatur, where they will open shop for a short season, and we hope they will meet with the same good favor as greeted them here."

Admission 15 cents. All who enter the room will receive a handsome present tonight.

The Freight Rate Quarrel.

A telegram from Springfield states that the railroad and warehouse commissioners have come and gone, and contrary to their usual custom, have given the press the go-by. It leaks out, however, that as a result of their recent conference, and others held lately, the schedule of freight tariffs will be overhauled. Errors have been pointed out, and now the commissioners are attempting to shoulder the responsibility upon the printers and proof readers. The errors referred to are claimed to be in the classification of freight rates on a considerable line of articles. It is evident on all sides that the commissioners have got into deep water, and are now trying to get out. Complaints are coming in thick and fast from all directions.

1857-1892.

Celebration of the "Silver Wedding" of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Prestley Last Evening.

The Popular Pastor Surprised and "Watched."

On the 26th day of February, 1857, Rev. W. H. Prestley and Miss Ann Jane Burgoyne were united in wedlock by Rev. S. R. Wilson, D. D., and Sunday last was the "silver wedding" anniversary of their marriage. During the past six years Rev. Prestley has been the faithful, earnest and beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city. He came among us a stranger and began his pastoral labors, which have resulted largely in making the congregation a large family circle, happy and contented, regular in attendance upon the various church services and active in all good work affecting the best interests of the church and the morals and prosperity of the city. And it was eminently fitting therefore that the ladies of the congregation should have planned a "silver wedding" surprise on their pastor and his good wife. The preliminary arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Charles A. Ewing, Mrs. Peter Loeb, Mrs. F. F. Randolph, Mrs. Theo. A. Gehrmann, Mrs. T. T. Roberts, Mrs. D. H. Hellman, and others, who issued cards of invitation to members of the flock and other friends. And it came to pass in consequence of the issuance of these secret missives that a very large company of friends gathered last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Roberts, it having been previously arranged that Rev. and Mrs. Prestley should take tea and pass a portion of the evening with Mrs. D. H. Hellman and family. The plans worked nicely. At the proper hour the surprise party arrived at the parsonage, and after all had entered and taken possession of the rooms, which were filled completely, the pastor and his wife returned home. Their surprise on entering the domicile can better be imagined than described. They welcomed all with their accustomed cordiality, but the attention of the couple and the company were directed to the remarks of Mrs. Charles A. Ewing, who had at the proper moment stepped forward and began reading her original

PRESENTATION POEM

entitled, "Watch." The text was: "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!" Mark 13:37.

Watch the golden moments of time.

Watch the silver wedding flow.

Watch the shining banner that goes.

Watch thy jewels wondrous beauty.

Watch thy life with constant care.

Watch the fair, white face of duty.

Watch with earnest, solemn prayer.

Watch the springs of life's great motor.

Watch for love and faith and duty.

Watch for all new souls—salvators.

Watch for sweet reward in time.

Watch with tender, loving patience.

Watch the little birds that pray.

Watch, lest ye be cast down by sin.

Watch and lo! the downward way.

Watch, lest ye be cast down by sin.

Watch when Jesus comes this earth to visit.

Watch when life's dream turns to day-light.

Watch and mirth thy course to heaven.

Watch, nor let down pleasure's pitfall.

Watch thine heart, from sin keep free.

Watch, watch, watch of Him who loves us all.

Watch, thine treasure give to me.

As the lady crossed reading the last line she said, "And to you we give this watch," at the same time presenting a handsome \$200 gold time-piece to the pastor, Mrs. Prestley receiving a purse containing \$100 in gold. Many other useful and beautiful gifts were bestowed upon the couple, all tokens of friendship and love from the members of the Presbyterian congregation and others present, neighbors and friends of the pastor and family.

THE WATCH.

which was purchased from O. E. Curtis & Co., was handsomely engraved, as follows:

FROM THE LADIES

OF THE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF

DECATUR, ILL., TO

REV. W. H. PRESTLEY,

27th ANNIVERSARY, FEBRUARY, 26th.

1857-1892.

The presentation of this beautiful and useful gift and the other presents, was a thorough surprise to the pastor and his wife; but Rev. Prestley responded to the remarks of Mrs. Ewing in fitting words, though he had no time for the least preparation. He returned his grateful thanks for the thoughtful kindness of his friends, and spoke feelingly of the precious ties which bind together the pastor and the Christian people of the church. He also referred briefly to the responsibility of the pastor's duties; his work for the spiritual advancement of the membership of the congregation simply in general, but of each member of the church in particular. His constant labor is that souls may be saved, and added to Christ's fold. Everything he does is for the glory of the Master, whose faithful servant he is. The members of his flock the pastor bears in his heart, each and all, to the throne of grace, not simply in the light of time, but of eternity. The pastor closed by stating that it was gratifying to know that he was remembered by his friends for his humble labors, as was shown by the presence of friends and their gifts. Such tokens of friendship, both useful and beautiful, serve to strengthen the ties which bind the pastor and his people together to work for the prosperity of the church and God's cause.

The remainder of the memorable evening was given up to pleasant social conversation.

In this connection it will not be inappropriate to state that the First Presbyterian Church is in a most flourishing and prosperous condition, spiritually and financially. There is not a dollar of indebtedness hanging over the edifice and the expenses for the current year have been fully provided for.

Rev. Prestley assumed charge as pastor in November, 1876, coming here from Tuscola, Ill. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., and graduated from the Miami University, where he took a thorough classical and theological course. His first pastoral work was in connection with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at Chillicothe, Ohio, which congregation subsequently united with the Presbyterian church in that place, of which Rev. Prestley was pastor for eighteen years and six months, when he removed with his family in 1875 to Tuscola.

Mrs. Prestley, who graduated from the Wesley Female College at Cincinnati was born in that city. Six children were born to this well-matched couple, four of whom are living.

The affair of last evening was one long

to be remembered by the pastor and family and all assembled. It was the occasion of genuine enjoyment to all, particularly to the ladies who had planned the surprise and brought it to such a successful and pleasing termination.

PERSONAL MENTION.

B. C. Hinkle, a lumber merchant of Mattoon, is in the city.

Mrs. Sedgewick returned home from Washington City last week.

Dr. S. H. Ham, the Argenta physician, was in the city yesterday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ehrhart, a son—nine pounds. Another commercial traveler.

Darius Augst has resigned his position with the Pacific Express Co. at St. Louis, Mo., and has returned to Decatur.

E. A. Gastman departed this morn for Champaign to attend the annual meeting of the State Historical Society. He will be absent until Thursday evening.

Rev. F. W. Taylor, of Danville, will conduct the Lenten services at St. John's Church this evening. Subject of discourse, "The Apostles' Doctrine."

Mrs. Fearu next spring will build a brick dwelling for her own use on the north half of the Christie lot on North Church street, near the corner of William street.

Miss Belle Bone, a charming and accomplished young lady of Indianapolis, Ind., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Holland, on East Eldorado street.

Dr. A. R. Small, Master of Ionic Lodge of Masons, this city, is in Jacksonville attending an important meeting of Masonic officers.

J. P. Livergood, of Stonington, was in the city yesterday. He recently sold his farm near Orona, and has since purchased land in Christian county.

Edwin Pratt left for Litchfield, Conn., his home, yesterday noon, with a carload of fine horses purchased by Mr. E. B. Pratt. Among the lot was a fine \$1,000 pair of brown horses.

Miss Mary French was called to her home at Griggsville by the sudden death of her father. In consequence of her unavoidable absence the high school piano fund entertainment, which was to have been given at the opera house on Thursday night, has been temporarily postponed.

"Jim" Burney, formerly of this city, and Godley Shoaff, editor of the Paris Gazette, have organized a minstrel troupe and concert band, composed of 14 members, and will go on the road in a few weeks, making towns in the north. The troupe was formed at Paris, Ill., recently.

Charles E. Dillemont, of "Middle-land" fame, has blossomed as a special agent for the Illinois Marriage Association, whose headquarters are at Maroa. Charles's card reads: "Application or information strictly confidential." His particular business is not to get taken for police, but to secure local agents in every town he visits. He says he gets a good salary, and is happy.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Late Mrs. Nancy Elwood—Her Life and Character.

After a lingering illness, in the eighty-third year of her age, Nancy Elwood passed away yesterday at 3 p. m.

Nancy Diefendorf was born in Mendon, Montgomery county, New York, Jan. 1, 1800; was married to Henry Elwood Feb. 21, 1819, after which she with her husband resided in Herkimer county, N. Y., until 1846, when they removed to Onondago county, N. Y., where her husband died Dec. 24, 1850. In 1855 she removed to this city, where she has resided ever since.

Mrs. Elwood was the mother of nine children, seven of whom lived to be grown, four of whom are still living, viz.: David H. Elwood, who resided in August, Butler county, Kansas; David P. Elwood, who resides in this city; Mrs. Hubbard, wife of W. E. Hubbard, of the firm of Hubbard & Swearingen, of this city; and Mrs. Evely, wife of Rev. John Evely, of the Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church, who resides in Bloomington.

Mrs. Elwood was known as a woman of rare good sense, of industries, frugal habits, of great kindness of heart, ever sympathizing with the poor, the unfortunate, or the sick, which good and noble qualities greatly endeared her to her neighbors. But it was in the walks of Christian life she most excelled. She was converted to God under the labors of Rev. Mr. Whipple at a camp-meeting held in Southville, N. Y., in 1828, and joined the Methodist church, of which she remained a faithful member for fifty-four years. Her conversion marked a new era in her history, to which she looked back with interest and pleasure ever after. A few days ago she said: "If God ever did convert a soul, it was me." In fact, she never, for a moment, had a doubt of the genuineness of her conversion.

The religion of Mrs. Elwood did not consist in opinions, or adherence to a creed, or outward conformity to church requirement, but in an unshaken faith in God as her heavenly father, in Jesus as his son and her Saviour, in the Bible as God's word of truth, in the Holy Spirit as the abiding comforter, whose presence she realized by faith to the last. She was a conscientious, consistent, happy, joyous Christian woman, whose dwelling was in the "Delectable Mountains," a rare specimen, illustrating the power of Christ to save to the uttermost. During her last sickness, as bodily strength gave way, her soul was triumphant, her victory was complete, her joy was full, often saying, "Oh, praise the Lord; let every-soul praise the Lord for his goodness." Her last words to her pastor were quotations from the Bible: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." "The word of the Lord abideth forever." The last words she uttered as she crossed the waters of the mystic river were, "Jesus lover of my soul."

Friends on this side could hear no more. She tried hard to complete the quotation, strength failed, the voice was gone, but the angels over there heard the other line, "Let me to Thy bosom fly." And all was over. "Let my last end be like his."

Mrs. Elwood retained the use of her mind up to the last moments, often relating incidents that occurred fifty years ago. She urged the young, who visited her to serve the Lord and meet her in heaven. She requested that at her funeral services the hymns "I would not live away," and "The home of the soul" should be sung.

The funeral will take place from the First M. E. Church on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. P. Dimmitt officiating.

PRACE in the family is assumed if Hall's Catarrh Cure is used therein.

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